

Amendments to the Claims:

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

27. (currently amended) A head restraint positioning device for a head restraint of a vehicle seat, the vehicle seat having a seat back having a head restraint and a frame, the frame including an upper cross component, a lower cross component, and first and second side components disposed proximate the upper and lower cross components, the head restraint positioning device comprising:

a guide sleeve extending through the upper cross component, the guide sleeve being adapted to permit adjustment of the head restraint;

a holding device adapted to receive the guide sleeve;

a connection element coupled to the holding device;

an impact device movably connected coupled to the connection element at an upper end and pivotally connected to the lower cross component at a lower end, head restraint and arranged on a seat back of the vehicle seat in the area of a pelvis of a passenger sitting on the vehicle seat;

wherein the head restraint positioning device is spaced apart from the first and second side components and the impact device comprises at least one structural unit that varies in length in response to the application of pressure force by a pelvis of a seat occupant during a vehicle impact event to move the head restraint from a base position to a release position and that causes a corresponding change in the length of the impact device that changes the position of the head restraint.

28. (cancelled)

29. (cancelled)

30. (currently amended) Head restraint positioning device according to one claim 27 29, wherein the a-bar-shaped connection element includes first and second bearing

shells disposed proximate the upper and lower ends is arranged between the impact device and the holding device.

31. (currently amended) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 27, wherein the ~~structural unit is formed as an impact panel that is convexly curved in the direction of the seat occupant passenger.~~

32. (currently amended) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 30 further comprising a shaft bearing disposed proximate the lower cross component and a pivot shaft extending through, wherein the impact panel and pivotally disposed in the shaft bearing is formed with decreasing width in the direction of the connection element.

33. (previously presented) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 30, wherein the impact panel has a connection device for the pivoting connection to the connection element at least on an upper end.

34. (previously presented) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 30, wherein the connection element has a flat profile.

35. (previously presented) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 30, wherein the connection element has an upper pivoting connection device on an upper end and a lower pivoting connection device on a lower end for detachably mounting the connecting device of the impact panel and to an end of a holding device pointing to the connection element.

36. (previously presented) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 35, wherein at least one of the pivoting connection devices is formed by clip connection elements.

37. (currently amended) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 36, wherein the clip connection element ~~has a circular~~ presents at least one bearing shell formed with an essentially semi-circular cross-section.

38. (currently amended) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 30, wherein the connection element has a number of bore holes, ~~particularly running extending~~ diagonally relative to the length of the connection element.

39. (previously presented) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 27, wherein the impact device is held on a lower end on a pivot shaft for a pivoting connection.

40. (previously presented) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 27, wherein a holding device has at least one sleeve retainer that retains a guide sleeve and resists twisting of the guide sleeve.

41. (currently amended) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 40, wherein ~~two~~ first and second sleeve retainers are ~~each~~ arranged on a first and second side ~~end~~ ends of the holding device, respectively.

42. (currently amended) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 27, wherein a guide sleeve is assembled into a sleeve retainer and is held by the sleeve retainer in a frictionally engaged, ~~non-positive or interlocking~~ manner.

43. (previously presented) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 42, wherein the guide sleeve and sleeve retainer have an anti-twisting cross-section.

44. (currently amended) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 42, wherein the guide sleeve can be locked ~~or clipped with or~~ in the sleeve retainer.

45. (previously presented) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 27, wherein a guide sleeve supports a head restraint rod in a sliding relationship.

46. (previously presented) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 27, wherein the head restraint positioning device is detachably mounted on a frame of the vehicle seat.

47. (previously presented) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 46, wherein the head restraint positioning device is mounted on a supporting device that can be mounted to the frame of the vehicle seat.

48. (previously presented) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 27, wherein a link guide is formed between a guide sleeve and vehicle seat.

49. (previously presented) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 27, wherein at least one guide element sticks out from a guide sleeve, the guide element engaging a corresponding guide element on a frame of the vehicle seat.

50. (currently amended) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 49, wherein the ~~frame of the vehicle seat upper cross component further comprises~~ has a retaining sleeve ~~that is~~ arranged to at least partially retain the guide sleeve, whereby a link guide is formed between a retaining sleeve and the guide sleeve.

51. (currently amended) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 27, wherein at least ~~the~~ a structural unit of the impact device is formed from an elastically workable material.

52. (previously presented) Head restraint positioning device according to claim 27, wherein the impact device has a clip-on shaft on an upper end that is connected to a lower end of a connection element.